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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL FISHING IN COSTA RICAN WATERS

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS OF MAY 14 CARRIED STORIES OF A COMPLAINT FILED WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY, MARIO CHARPENTIER, BY THE PRESIDENT OF A LOCAL COMPANY CALLED "PELICAN FISH" THAT FOREIGN FISHING BOATS ARE PIRATING THE NATURAL FISHING RESOURCES OF COSTA RICA. THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT HE HAS OBSERVED 14 JAPANESE FISHING BOATS AND 5 AMERICAN ONES FISHING IN THE WATERS AROUND ISLA DEL COCO, A COSTA RICAN ISLAND LOCATED SOME 350 MILES OFF THE PACIFIC COAST. HE STATED THAT CREWS OF OTHER COSTA RICAN BOATS HAVE BEEN 40 TO 50 LARGE FOREIGN BOATS OF OVER 40 TONS FISHING AROUND THE ISLA DEL COCO. HE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS URGENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A NAVAL BASE TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO AID THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL FISHING FLEET.

2. MINISTER CHARPENTIER REPORTEDLY PROMISED TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS MATTER AND DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THE POWER OF HIS MINISTRY TO PREVENT FOREIGN SHIPS FROM FRAUDULENTLY APPROPRIATING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY. TO
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